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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 and 49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-35 and 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claims 36-48 have been cancelled. Newly submitted claim 49 has been entered. The active claims are 1-35 and 49.

Claims 1-35 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Although the claims are amended to recite that the determining step is performed after communication is established with the portable digital imaging device, there is no communication recited between the portable digital imaging device and the sender for instructing the sender not to send any attachment unacceptable to the portable digital imaging device. Without the communication, the sender or the server does not know what type of attachment is acceptable by the portable digital imaging device.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-35 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramaley (USP 6,687,741) in view of Cheever (USP 6,275,882).


See at least lines 14-20 of column 6 in Ramaley. Ramaley teaches transmitting of e-mails (line 54 of column 5) between two digital devices via Internet. After communication is established, the recipient is asked whether he will accept attachment of certain type, the sender will provide only the attachment of the types which are acceptable by the recipient. Ramaley did not teach that the digital device could be an imaging device. Digital camera capable of transmitting images via Internet is well known in the art as shown by Cheever in lines 58-62 of column 4. It would have been obvious

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to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the system of Ramaley for transmitting the images of Cheever. It is further the position of the Examiner that whether the determining is implemented at the sending side, the server or the receiving side is a matter of design choice.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.



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